



# Sequoia Middle School

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Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents:

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of your child's middle school career. It is with much excitement that we recognize Sequoia students for completing the middle school level of their education.

We believe it is important that parents and students are informed regarding CVUSD and Sequoia's policies and standards for these activities. To be eligible to participate in the promotion ceremony and the promotional activities (the dance and the trip to Magic Mountain), students must satisfy all of the following requirements as was stated in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade contract that parents and students signed at the beginning of the school year:

1. Students must have passed at least five or more classes each semester.
2. Students must have passed English and Math each semester.
3. Students may not be on the LOP (Loss of Privileges) list in their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. This list is based on work habits and citizenship.
4. All assigned detentions and Saturday Work Studies must be served.
5. All library fines, cafeteria balances and/or school debts must be paid. This includes charges for damaged or lost textbooks/chromebooks.
6. Students must not have been suspended two or more times or have had discipline infractions with substance abuse or substance abuse paraphernalia.

Students who have already lost promotion activity privileges for any of the reasons listed above have been or will be notified. We still have over 30 days of school left and the 8th grade contract must continue to be followed. Semester 2 grades (which will be available prior to the promotion ceremony) and behavior will be used for consideration in participating in all promotion activities.

Parents and students should understand that if a student has lost the privilege of attending the promotion ceremony or dance, the student will not be allowed on the campus during these activities.

Since many students begin planning early for promotion, we would like to remind you that this is a special milestone and to dress for the occasion at both the promotion ceremony and the promotion dance.

### **Promotion recommended attire:**

#### All Students:

1. We encourage all students to wear appropriate attire for this special occasion. Business casual attire is recommended but not required. Remember, this is an event that families will be attending along with District Office and Board representatives. A professional photographer will be at the event to photograph every student during the promotion.

**DATES RELATED TO PROMOTION ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

**Magic Mountain ticket sales: May 1-12, 2023**

Tickets and transportation costs are \$100.00. Payments must be cash only or through our online Sequoia Store [www.conejousd.org/sequoia](http://www.conejousd.org/sequoia)

**Promotion Dance: Friday, June 9, 2023. 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion dance will take place in the auditorium. Students must arrive on time and remain at the dance for the duration of the event. We encourage all students to wear appropriate attire for this special occasion. This is a semi-formal event.

**Magic Mountain: Monday, June 12, 2023. 9:15 AM - 6:30 PM (depending on traffic)**

Students attending Magic Mountain will need to report to the auditorium when the bell rings at 8:45 AM . No "0" period classes on June 12th.

**Promotion Ceremony Rehearsal & Yearbook Distribution: Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Students report to period 1 classes. Promotion ceremony rehearsal will take place in the morning. Yearbooks will be distributed in the afternoon.

**Promotion Ceremony: Wednesday, June 14, 2023. 2:30 PM**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students eligible for the Promotion Ceremony should arrive at the auditorium between 1:30PM- 2:00PM. Gates open for parents and guests at 2:00 PM for seating in the quad. No tickets are needed for the Promotion Ceremony. The ceremony begins promptly at 2:30PM.

**Last day of school-Friday, June 16, 2023. Dismissal at 12:15pm**

Please email Jaime Taylor ([jaimetaylor@conejousd.org](mailto:jaimetaylor@conejousd.org)), Office Manager, if your student will not be participating in the promotion ceremony.

Sincerely,



Karla DiDomizio  
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